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Minutes May 21, 2015

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Watertown Taxi, Inc.
Approved 3-0

16. Shuttle/Jitney Renewals Expires 4/30 1 vehicle Approved 3-0
1. The Escort Limousine Corporation d/b/a Escort Limousine & Atlantic Coach

17. Spring Renewals
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52 Auto Repair License expires 6/1
11 Open-Air Parking Space License expires 5/31
2 Letting out of Motor Vehicles License expires 6/1
Approved 3-0

18. Revise Regulation & Fees for Special One Day Liquor Licenses Cont. to July 16, 2015
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19. Comments by Board Clerk and Police Department

Present: Donna B. Doucette, George Newman, Sandra Kasabian Hoffman

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: April 16, 2015

- 2a. Jalapeno Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a
Ixtapa Mexican Grill & Cantina
Lexington, MA 02420
Attention: David E. Brambila

The Watertown Licensing Board has continued its status hearing on the exercise of the common victualler license granted and the all alcohol common victualler licensee approved for transfer to you for the premises at 18 Mt. Auburn Street by vote of the Board on March 20, 2014.

A status hearing was scheduled on May 21, 2015. Attorney Nicholas Felici appeared on behalf of the licensee, together with Jose Brambila and Ramon Brambila. Attorney Felici's letter to the Board dated April 8, 2015 was read for the record. It noted that structural problems and code violations had been encountered in the course of the renovation work being done to update the premises for exercise of the licenses. Attorney Felici stated that the licensee was now within a few weeks of obtaining final permits, and is expecting to hold a grand opening event in six to eight weeks' time.

The Licensing Board voted to continue the status hearing to August 20, 2015, subject to the condition that if the premises are under operation by August 20 no one need appear on behalf of the licensee. A continued hearing, if held, will be held on August 20, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the Philip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA.

2. Kanchoro Kanatbek Uulu
d/b/a Kara Jorgo
114 Belmont Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board has continued its hearing on the application of Kanchoro Kanatbek Uulu d/b/a Kara Jorgo for a livery/limousine license to be exercised from 114 Belmont Street. The application was originally scheduled for hearing on May 21, 2015, but no one appeared on behalf of the applicant on that date. A continued hearing on this application will be held on June 18, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the Philip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA.

3. Daniyar Beishembiev
d/b/a Beishembiev Trans
114 Belmont Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Daniyar Beishembiev d/b/a Beishembiev Trans for a livery/limousine license to be exercised from 114 Belmont Street.

Mr. Beishembiev appeared in support of the application. Mr. Beishembiev stated that he has been working for approximately three to four months for KG car service in Newton, and proposes to operate a point-to-point transportation service. His application included a letter from his landlord, Brian Hsu, authorizing use of parking space #2 at the subject property for a livery car. Mr. Beishembiev reported that he has lived at 114 Belmont Street since September of 2014 and currently parks his vehicle at that site, and that three of the four occupants of his apartment drive. He stated that none of the occupants of the other apartment, the downstairs unit, has a car.

E-mails to the Town Clerk, Licensing Board clerk and other Town officials dated May 19 and May 21, 2015 from District A Councilor Angeline Kounelis were read into the record. The e-mails expressed concern with the addition of more vehicles to the neighborhood, described turnover of occupants at the subject property, and noted that motor vehicles are moved from off-street to on-street depending on who is present at the property.

In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Beishembiev stated that he currently parks his car in space #2, does not have problems getting his car into the space, and has not experienced other vehicles using the space.

The Health Department, Building Department, and Fire Department had no comment.

The Zoning Officer reported that use of the subject property as a “home office,” as described in the Zoning Ordinance, is permitted, with one commercial vehicle under ¾ ton towing capacity.

Sgt. Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the requested license, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant the requested license, subject to the following conditions:

1. The license shall be limited to pre-arranged transportation of persons rather than on-the-street pick up of persons.
 2. The licensee shall maintain a current motor vehicle driving record of all employees hired as a driver of any motor vehicle to be used in connection with the license.
 3. If any driver for the licensee is cited for more than three moving violations or is involved in more than one surchargeable accident in a 12-month period, he/she shall be required, within 90 days of exceeding those limits, to attend a defensive driving training course.
 4. The licensee shall keep all records on file and they shall be made available for review by any agent of the Licensing Board.
 5. The license is for one vehicle, to be parked at 114 Belmont Street, in parking space #2 as shown on the drawing submitted and received in the office of the Town Clerk on April 15, 2015.
- 4a. Carr’s Ciderhouse
c/o Nicole Blum
295 River Drive
Hadley, MA 01035

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Carr's Ciderhouse – Nicole Blum for A Special Farmer-Winery License under Section 15F of Chapter 138 of the General Laws for Sale of Wine at an Agricultural Event, to wit: the Watertown Farmers Market at the Arsenal on the Charles, 311 Arsenal Street.

Mimi Graney of Relish Management LLC, manager of the Farmers Market, appeared in support of the application. Ms. Graney explained that Carr's would sell hard cider, vinegar and cider syrup. Carr's also participates in other farmers markets in the Boston area. Cider will be sold in full bottles, and samples of one ounce will be offered for market patrons.

The Board acknowledged that the application materials included a copy of the certification of the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, by letter to Carr's Ciderhouse dated April 2, 2015, that the Watertown Farmers Market is an agricultural event, in accordance with section 15F of Chapter 138.

Sgt. Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the requested license, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

The Fire Department reported that fire lanes and emergency access areas must remain clear and unobstructed at all times.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant a Special Farmer-Winery License for Sale of Wine at the Watertown Farmers Market for the market's 2015 season: Thursdays from June 4 to October 29 during the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., subject to the following conditions:

1. The hours of operation shall not exceed 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., beginning the first Thursday in June and ending the last Thursday in October.
 2. The applicant, Nicole Blum, manager and/or designee employed by the licensee shall attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS or equivalent confirmed by the Police Department) within 90 days of hire or expiration of certification.
 3. Copies of all alcohol awareness training program certificates shall be provided to the Town Clerk's office.
 4. A copy of the license shall be posted during the hours of the event and available for review upon request.
- 4b. Relish Management, LLC
P.O. Box 47
Somerville, MA 02143

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Relish Management, LLC for an entertainment license to be exercised at the Watertown Farmers Market at the Arsenal on the Charles, in the parking lot immediately behind the smokestack on Kingsbury Avenue.

Mimi Graney of Relish Management LLC, manager of the Farmers Market, appeared in support of the application. Ms. Graney explained that the Farmers Market will include several vendors. The proposed entertainment will vary from week to week and consist of a singer or other performers, and usually include no more than three persons.

Sgt. Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the requested license, provided the conditions stated below were imposed.

The Fire Department reported that fire lanes and emergency access areas must remain clear and unobstructed at all times.

The Building Department reported that a separate electrical permit for the equipment is required.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant an entertainment license for the market's 2015 season, subject to the following conditions:

1. The license may be exercised in conjunction with the time of operation of the Farmers Market, every Thursday beginning the first week in June (June 4) and ending the last Thursday in October (October 29).
 2. The hours of exercise shall not exceed 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 3. Performers/band will be limited to four persons, one of which may be a singer.
 4. There shall be no amplified percussion instruments.
 5. Entertainment provided shall be reasonable and remain consistent throughout the duration of the event.
 6. The entertainment/performance area shall be limited to that shown on the plan submitted (area depicted as "music" on graphic entitled "Watertown Farmers Market at Arsenal on the Charles 2014," a copy of which was filed in the office of the Town Clerk on March 9, 2015).
5. Raider Tavern, Inc.
208 Waverley Avenue
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Raider Tavern, Inc. for an entertainment license to be exercised at its premises at 208 Waverley Avenue licensed for all alcohol common victualler service.

Peter Flori, manager, and Anita Dilibero, asst. manager, appeared in support of the application. Mr. Flori stated that he is proposing to offer trivia games on three nights, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and a guitarist on three nights, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The guitarist will use a small built-in amplifier.

Sergeant Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of an entertainment license, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

The Building Department reported that the entertainment set-up may not hinder egress from the premises.

The Health and Fire Departments and the Zoning Officer had no comment.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant an entertainment license, for trivia events and music, subject to the following conditions:

1. Musicians shall be limited to two, one of which may be a singer.
2. Instruments shall be limited to a piano, string and reed instruments.
3. The space provided for entertainment shall be limited to the area shown on the plan submitted (floor plan sketch received in the office of the Town Clerk on March 30, 2015), which will be in place of 6 seats and 2 tables, and the maximum seating during hours of entertainment shall be 49 persons.
4. Entertainment provided shall be reasonable and remain consistent throughout the duration of the event.
5. No dancing shall be allowed.
6. China Rainbow, Inc.
36-38 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board held a status hearing on the matter of undertaking the work required for the alteration of your premises at 36-38 North Beacon Street, licensed for all alcohol common victualler service, which was approved by the Board on February 20, 2014. The status hearing was held pursuant to a notice to the licensee dated April 2, 2015 noting that the alterations had not yet been undertaken.

Tammy Young, president, appeared on behalf of the licensee, and reported that the work had been delayed because of an unexpected financial problem. She stated that she did intend to finish the work as soon as possible.

The Board asked attorney David Doneski if approval to renovate premises, once obtained from the Board and the ABCC, continue indefinitely or if there is a time limit during which the renovations must be completed. Attorney Doneski said that permission must be sought prior to beginning work but that the licensee is under no obligation to complete renovations if circumstances change or delay the activity.

Board chairman Doucette stated that when the work of the alterations is begun the licensee must notify the Licensing Board, and that the work must follow the plans approved by the Board. Any changes to the work would require further approval of the Board.

7. The Oakley Country Club
410 Belmont Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board held a show cause hearing on the matter of compliance with Chapter 138, Section 1 of the General Laws, which requires a club licensee to file with the local licensing authorities and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission annually, within three months after January first, a list of the names and residences of its officers, together with the amount of salary or compensation received by each employee engaged in the handling or selling of alcoholic beverages. The hearing was scheduled pursuant to a notice to the licensee dated April 2, 2015 noting that the filing requirement had not yet been met.

Attorney William York, board member, and Ron Rice, manager, appeared on behalf of the licensee. The Licensing Board acknowledged that the licensee had filed the required information report prior to the time scheduled for the hearing. The matter was considered resolved.

8. Canadian American Club of Massachusetts, Inc.
202 Arlington Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board held a show cause hearing on the matter of compliance with Chapter 138, Section 1 of the General Laws, which requires a club licensee to file with the local licensing authorities and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission annually, within three months after January first, a list of the names and residences of its officers, together with the amount of salary or compensation received by each employee engaged in the handling or selling of alcoholic beverages. The hearing was scheduled pursuant to a notice to the licensee dated April 2, 2015 noting that the filing requirement had not yet been met.

Silvio DiRico, president and manager, appeared on behalf of the licensee. He stated that meeting the ABCC requirement had been difficult and requested additional time to comply, and reported that new officers will be in place by June 5, the date of the club's next board meeting.

In response to a question from the Licensing Board, Mr. DiRico stated that officers are elected every two years, but that persons may serve multiple terms.

Board chairman Doucette stated that the club's officers must be informed of the seriousness of this matter.

The Licensing Board unanimously found that a violation of the filing requirement had occurred and unanimously voted to issue a letter of warning.

9. Burnham-Manning Post #1105 VFW of U.S., Inc.
295 Arsenal Street
Watertown, MA 02472

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William Dignan, post commander, appeared on behalf of the licensee.

The Licensing Board clerk reported that the required report was filed late and that the named did not match those in the State Secretary's corporate data base.

Mr. Dignan stated that the previous commander had disassociated himself from the club but that information and notices from both the state and VFW were still being sent to him. Mr. Dignan also noted that the club needs to change its manager and that an application would be filed for that action.

The Licensing Board unanimously found that a violation of the filing requirement had occurred and unanimously voted to issue a letter of warning.

10. Armenian-American Social Club of Watertown, Inc.
76 Bigelow Avenue
Watertown, MA 02472

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Attorney Steve Parnagian and Marcel Karian, president, appeared on behalf of the licensee.

The Licensing Board clerk reported that there was an issue respecting a certificate of good standing from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission is requiring a certificate of good standing, although a report of the officer names has been submitted. The licensee submitted a September, 2014 certificate, but the ABCC rejected it in 2015 because it was more than 90 days old. A subsequent certificate was requested by an attorney for the licensee, but there was no Department of Revenue response.

Attorney Parnagian stated that Mr. Karian had made an in-person request for a new certificate on May 14, and that his office had been informed that the certificate should be issued by the first week of June.

The Licensing Board voted to continue the matter to August 20, 2015.

The continued hearing will be held on August 20, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the Philip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. If a certificate of good standing is on file by that date, the licensee is not required to appear before the Licensing Board.

11. Pequosette Aerie #1928
of the Fraternal Order of Eagles
44 – 46 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board has continued its Show Cause Hearing on the matter of the compliance with Chapter 138, Section 1 of the General Laws, which requires a club licensee to file with the local licensing authorities and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission annually, within three months after January first, a list of the names and residences of its officers, together with the amount of salary or compensation received by each employee engaged in the handling or selling of alcoholic beverages. The hearing was scheduled pursuant to a notice to the licensee dated April 2, 2015 noting that the filing requirement had not yet been met. The hearing was originally scheduled for May 21, 2015 and has been continued at the request of the licensee.

The continued hearing on this matter will be held on July 16, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the Philip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA.

12. Shutt Detachment #139 Marine Corps League, Inc.
215 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02472

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13. Lodge Piave Fiume #1036 Sons of Italy
d/b/a New Watertown Lodge Land Trust
520 Pleasant Street
Watertown, MA 02472

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14. La Casa de Pedro, Inc.
343 Arsenal Street
Watertown, MA 02472

Pedro S. Alarcon presented to the licensing board a proposal of an additional type of service on his outdoor patio and requested the proper course of action.

The licensing board unanimously agreed that the proper application must be submitted for modification to the license.

15. The Watertown Licensing Board unanimously approved the Hackney Renewals for McCue's Taxi, Watertown Yellow Cab, Inc. and Watertown Taxi, Inc.

16. The Watertown Licensing Board unanimously approved the Shuttle/Jitney renewal of The Escort Limousine Corporation d/b/a Escort Limousine & Atlantic Coach.
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 - 4 Second-Hand Dealer License
 - 52 Auto Repair License
 - 11 Open-Air Parking Space License
 - 2 Letting out of Motor Vehicles License
18. Revise Regulation & Fees for Special One Day Liquor Licenses Cont. to July 16, 2015 & One Day Permits issued by the Licensing Board.

The Board approved a draft of changes in procedures for processing the one-day permits. The draft will be circulated to various departments for comments. Discussion will continue in July, with a possible final vote on adopting changes.